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THE MILLHOLLAND FAMILY IN AMERICA

by

James Harrison Millholland

With sincere thanks for the valuable assistance and hearty cooperation of my cousin Elizabeth Lybrant Millholland of Reading, Pa., and my brother Colonel George Harrison Millholland of Washington, D. C.

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FOREWORD

The main purpose of this brief history of the Millholland family in America is to tie together the many facts and give them to the members of the "family" in such shape that they will serve as a foundation on which the present and future generations may build their own family history.

To gather the material for this manuscript has been interesting and thrilling, so that if this little volume awakens a desire on your part to add the records of your own family and keep it with your family treasures, I will feel that I have been amply repaid for my efforts. All the facts, dates and statistics have been verified and checked.

There are but fifty copies and I have filed one of them with The Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania, in Philadelphia.

My sincere thanks and deep appreciation to all those who have helped make this writing possible.

James Harrison Millholland

April 1955

ISABELLA DOUGLASS MILLHOLLAND

From a portrait in the possession of
Constance Moore, Wilmington, Delaware,
a great-great-granddaughter.

JAMES MILLHOLLAND

The original James Millholland was born of Scotch - Irish parents in the County Antrim, Northern Ireland. His father was a manufacturer of linen textiles. James from early youth followed the sea and later became the captain of his own ship, carrying cargoes to far distant ports of the world.

In 1785 James sailed to Philadelphia and made that port his home, marrying Isabella Douglass July 4, 1787 in the Pine Street Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, the marriage ceremony being performed by the Rev. George Duffield, D.D. Several children were born during this marriage, but the only one to survive was the son, Robert Douglass Millholland.

In a sworn statement by Eleanor Clark, the sister of Isabella Douglass, before a Justice of the Peace in Philadelphia, October 22, 1846, Eleanor Clark said "about the year 1796 or 1797 he, the said James Millholland, left his wife, on a sea voyage from the City of Baltimore, and to the best of her knowledge and belief he the said James never returned to his family."

(Note) The original sworn statement of Eleanor Clark, is in the possession of Harry Z. Maxwell, Philadelphia, a great-great-grandson of Isabella Douglass.

The sea voyage was supposed to have been to New Orleans, and that the ship and all on board were lost off the coast of Cape Hatteras, North Carolina, in a gale during the winter of 1796 - 1797.

It is said that Isabella remained with relatives in Phila-

delphia, later moving to Baltimore with her only son Robert.

In searching through old Philadelphia directories in the Historical Society, there was listed in the year 1794, a James Mullhollen, mariner, 81 Swanson St., Southwark, Phila., who without doubt is the original James as the correct spelling of the name Millholland seems always to have been a difficult one.

Isabella married a second time to James Whitney who had a rope and twine factory in Baltimore; they had two children, but both died in infancy. After Mr. Whitney died, Isabella married Daniel James, a sea captain; they had one daughter, Rebecca James, who married David Griffith; their son Captain David Griffith of Reading, Pa., married Rose McGovern; their son was named James Millholland Griffith.

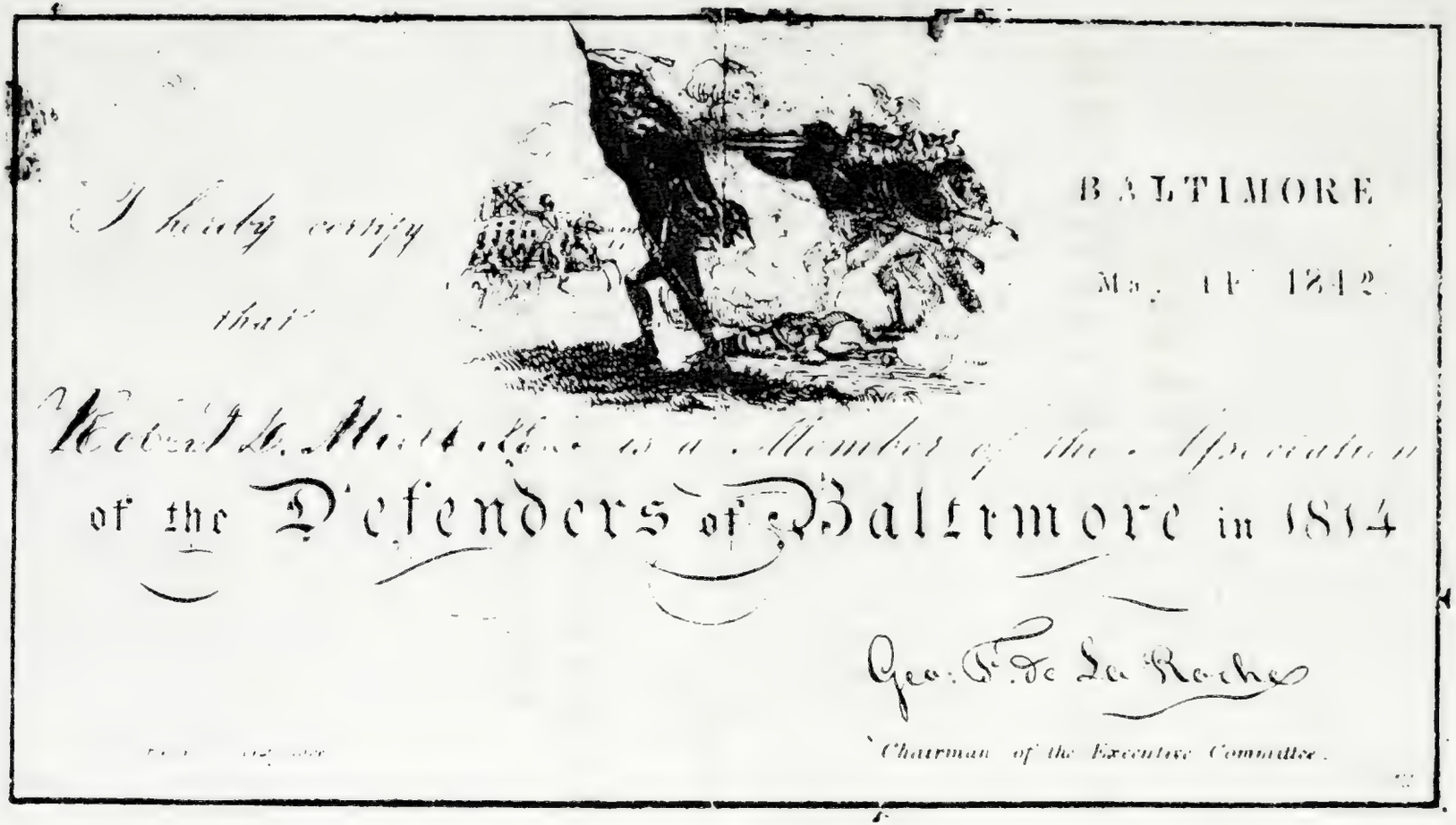
On January 8, 1820, Isabella died. Her portrait is in the possession of Constance Moore, Wilmington, Delaware, a great-great-granddaughter.

The engagement ring that James gave to Isabella is of gold with a central oval crystal surrounded by twelve pearls; under the crystal oval are the initials JM to ID, with a lock of hair from each. The ring is owned by James H. Millholland, Wynnewood, Pa., a great-great-grandson, being given to him by Mrs. Mortimer Brown (Mary Price) who was a descendant of Ellen Douglass, a sister of Isabella.

ROBERT DOUGLASS MILLHOLLAND

1788 - 1859

From an old photograph, about 1850, owned by Elizabeth Lybrant Millholland, of Reading, Pa., a great-granddaughter.



Robert Douglass Millholland was a Lieutenant in the 4th Company, Sixth Regiment of the Maryland Militia and served in the War of 1812 at North Point and Fort McHenry, Sept. 12 & 13, 1814. (Taken from the Muster Rolls on file in the office of the Third Auditor of the Treasury of the United States.) From the book "Citizen Soldiers of Baltimore."

Also see "Citizen Soldiers at North Point & Fort McHenry, Sept. 12 & 13th, 1814." Published by N. Hickman, Baltimore, Md., 1839. Pages 39 and 42.

NOTE. Every direct descendant of Robert Douglass Millholland (1788-1859) is qualified to become a member of "The Society of the War of 1812."

ROBERT DOUGLASS MILLHOLLAND

The only son of James and Isabella, was born in Baltimore, August 15, 1788 and Baptised in Philadelphia, September 30, 1788 in the Pine Street Presbyterian Church by the Rev. George Duffield, D.D.

He grew up in the seafaring trade in the days when the Baltimore Clipper Ships were noted for their beauty and great speed. Early in life he went into the ship outfitting and rigging business for himself, and was very successful. The Baltimore City Directory for 1814 - 15 lists him as a maker of Blocks and Ships Pumps. This listing is carried in the directories for many years. About 1853 he discontinued his Block and Pump business and became Judge of the Tax Appeals Court, which position he held at the time of his death.

In the War of 1812 with Great Britain he served as a First Lieutenant in the 4th Company, Sixth Regiment of the Maryland Militia at the battles of North Point and Fort McHenry, on September 12 and 13, 1814.

On May 3, 1810 he married Nancy Ann Day, a Quaker, in Bel Air, Maryland where she lived, being the daughter of John Day and Sarah Ann Fisher. This proved to be a very happy union as they had ten children as follows:

	Born	Died
Daniel James Millholland	Mar.10,1811	Dec. 1811
James Millholland	Oct. 6,1812	Aug.18,1875

m. Fanny Curtis of Stratford, Conn.

2nd m. Mary Ann Hoff of Reading, Pa.

Sarah Ann Millholland Sep.8,1814 Dec.10,1858

m. William P. Knox of Charleston, S.C.
Both lie buried in St. Philip's Churchyard, Charleston.

Rebecca James Millholland Feb.20,1817 unknown

m.

Robert Douglass Millholland Mar.14,1820 May 2,1884

m.

John Griffith Millholland Nov.6,1822 Apr.10,1872

m.

Isabella Millholland Mar.10,1825 unknown

m.

Lydia Elizabeth Millholland Nov.14,1827 unknown

m. William Maxwell of Philadelphia, Pa.

Martha Washington Millholland June 16,1830 July 4,1926

m. William Wharton

2nd m. Thompson

Thomas Tenant Millholland Feb.26,1833 Dec.23,1890

m.

While on a business trip to Norfolk, Va., he was stricken with a severe heart attack and died in Baltimore on May 19, 1859 at the age of 71 years,where he is buried in Greenmount Cemetery.

His wife Nancy Ann had passed away Sept.14,1854 and was buried in the family lot in Greenmount Cemetery, Baltimore.

One of his sons, John Griffith Millholland is also buried in the family lot.

FANNY CURTIS MILLHOLLAND

1818 - 1864

JAMES MILLHOLLAND

1812 - 1875

JAMES MILLHOLLAND

1812 - 1875

Son of Robert Douglass and Ann Day Millholland, was born in Baltimore, Md., October 6,1812. He started out in the sailing ship outfitting business in his father's shipyard, but soon gave this up to learn the trade of machinist.

It was while working in the shops of George W. Johnson in Baltimore that he helped construct the TOM THUMB locomotive for Peter Cooper of New York. This locomotive with one cylinder and weighing hardly more than a ton was the first locomotive built in America. On its trial trip it pulled a boat shaped car with a load of passengers, among whom were the Directors, on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad August 28, 1830. (Before the use of steam, horses furnished the motive power on the railroads.)

We find that in 1835 he was associated with James Allaire of the Allaire Iron Works in New York, constructors of marine engines who at that time had the finest machine shops in the Unites States. It was while he was living in New York that he became acquainted with and married Fanny Curtis in Stratford, Conn., Nov. 30, 1837. She was born in Stratford, April 24, 1818 and died in Reading, Pa., February 16, 1864 just nine days after her son Paul Douglass Millholland was born. She is buried in Charles Evans Cemetery, in Reading.

In 1838 he became Master of Machinery for the Baltimore and Susquehanna R.R. now Northern Central Railroad, which had just been completed from Baltimore to York, Pa.

Later, about 1840 he returned to Baltimore where he held the position of Master Mechanic for the Baltimore & Ohio R.R. He went to Reading, Pa., and entered the employ of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad on Sept. 1, 1848 as Superintendent of Motive Power and Rolling Equipment. During his association with the Company from 1848 to 1866 he designed and built all of the P & R locomotives.

In 1866 he resigned from the Reading Road to accept the presidency of the Consolidation Coal Company and the Cumberland & Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Mt. Savage, Maryland. In the Spring of 1869, he resigned this position and returned to Reading and in 1870 went into the banking business with John Hoff, the father of his second wife, Mary Ann Hoff, born April 1, 1832, whom he married April 16, 1866 in Reading. They had two sons, John Hoff Millholland, born at Mt. Savage, Md., July 18, 1867, and died in Reading, June 21, 1897, and Robert Douglass Millholland born in Reading, July 17, 1869. Mary Ann Hoff Millholland died June 6, 1899.

During the great panic of 1874-75, the Jay Cooke and Henry Clews banking house failures in New York nearly ruined the Hoff & Millholland firm financially. John Hoff died in March 1874 and James Milholland on August 18, 1875. (He is buried in Charles Evans Cemetery, Reading.) The bank however paid every dollar of its indebtedness and every depositor received dollar for dollar with interest to date of settlement.

James Millholland made many valuable contributions to locomotive design during the eighteen years he was connected with

the Philadelphia & Reading R.R. In 1852 he Patented a boiler with water grate bars, which was especially designed to burn anthracite coal. This was incorporated in a locomotive named the ILLINOIS, built by the Philadelphia & Reading shops in May 1852. It weighed 27.7 tons and had forged iron driving wheels seven feet in diameter. A large drawing of this locomotive is in the Smithsonian Institute, Washington, D.C. with the following inscription "Built under the Patent of James Millholland for the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad." The ILLINOIS was very successful and from that year on, all the Reading locomotives were built to use this fuel.

He was the first to shrink tires on locomotive driving wheels, which is still the practice to this day; the first to install blowers in locomotives; applied the first cow-catchers; first to introduce counterbalance in wheels; first to place a bell on a locomotive and first to standardize designs so that parts would be interchangeable in locomotives of different classes. His locomotives were world beaters for power, speed and pulling capacity.

One of his greatest inventions and Patents was the Steam Injector for injecting water into locomotive boilers when under steam pressure. Previous to this, the water was injected by feed-water piston pumps which were operated from the running gear. The Patent was sold to a New York Company for $100,000.00; it was known as the Little Giant Injector, and the New York firm made millions out of it.

JAMES MILLHOLLAND

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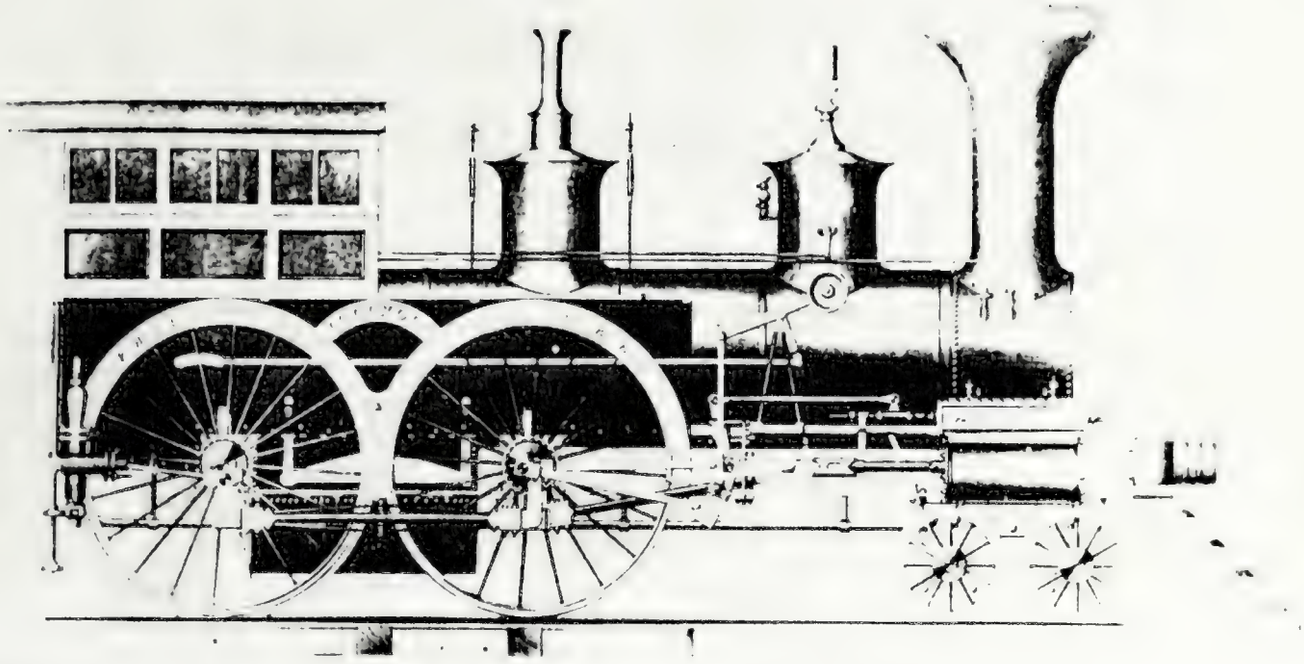

I L L I N O I S

The ILLINOIS, designed by James Millholland, was the first passenger engine to burn anthracite coal. Built by the Philadelphia and Reading Shops in May 1852, it weighed 27.7 tons. This locomotive had hand-forged wrought iron driving wheels seven feet in diameter and could run at a speed of 75 miles per hour. It had a patented boiler with water-grate bars which was especially designed to burn anthracite fuel.

The name plate over the cylinder reads:

JAMES MILLHOLLAND
PATENT, READING, PA.

A drawing of this locomotive is in the Smithsonian Institute, Washington, D.C.

FANNY CURTIS MILLHOLLAND

(1818 - 1864)

Wife of James Millholland, was born in Stratford, Conn., April 24, 1818 and died in Reading, Pa., Feb. 16, 1864, where she is buried.

She is a direct descendant of William Judson who was born in Yorkshire, England and emigrated in 1634 to Concord, Mass., and settled later in 1638 in Stratford. Died in New Haven, Conn., July 29, 1662.

William Judson
d. Jul.29,1662
m. Grace -------
d. Sept.29,1659

Capt. Joseph Judson
b. England 1619
d. Oct.28,1690
buried in Stratford.
Jun.26,1672, Commissioned
Lieut. in the Colonial Services.
May 11,1676, appointed Captain.
(Colonial Records of Conn.)
m. Sarah Porter, Oct.24,1644
d. Mar.16,1696-7

Capt. James Judson
b. Apr.24,1650
d. Feb.25,1720-21
m. Rebecca Welles, Aug.18,1680
b. May 1655
d. Nov.3,1717

James Judson, 2nd.
b. Apr.1,1689
m. Martha Lewis, Dec.18,1712

Martha Judson
b. Feb.18,1719-20
d. ----- 1797
m. Joseph Curtis, 3rd. Dec.24,1740
b. Mar.28,1721
d. ----- 1801

Silas Curtis
Bapt. ---- 1750
m. Mary Peck
b. Sept. 1753

Joel Curtis
b. Dec. 1791
m. Harriet Judson
Daughter of Abner Judson

Fanny Curtis
b. Apr.24,1818
d. Feb.16,1864
m. James Millholland, Nov.30,1837
b. Oct.6,1812
d. Aug.18,1875

CHILDREN OF

James Millholland 1812 - 1875 and Fanny Curtis Millholland 1819 - 1864

Married in Stratford, Conn., Nov. 30, 1837

Harriet Ann Millholland
b. Jun.8,1840
d. May 11,1916 in Washington, D.C.
m. Henry Hunter, 1861, Reading, Pa.

James Allaire Millholland
b. Dec.8,1842
d. Dec.6,1911
Cumberland,Md.
m. Virginia Keim, 1869, Reading,Pa.
2nd m. Woodward H. Blunt, Feb.1898 in New York

Fanny Curtis Millholland
b. Jun.6,1845
d. Apr.8,1910
Philadelphia,Pa.
m. George Rees Repplier, in Reading, Dec.31,1868

William Ward Millholland
b. Sep.8,1850
d. Oct.27,185[illegible]

Henry Millholland
b. Jun.11,1857
d. Nov.14,1923
Reading,Pa.
m. Ella Lybrant Stichter, Nov.30, 1881, in Reading, Pa. 1881

Paul Douglas Millholland
b. Feb.7,1864
d. Sept.16,1946
Philadelphia, Pa.
m. Virginia White Harrison, Apr.8,1891, Piedmont, W.Va.

CHILDREN OF

James Millholland 1812 - 1875 and Mary Ann Hoff Millholland 1832 - 1899

Married in Reading, Pa., April 16, 1866

John Hoff Millholland
b. Jul.18,1867
d. Jun.21,1897

Robert Douglas Millholland
b. Jul.17,1869
m. Emily Bland of Reading, Pa.

JAMES ALLAIRE MILLHOLLAND

b. Dec. 8, 1842 d. Dec. 6, 1911

A mechanical engineer of unusual ability, succeeded his father James Millholland as President of the Cumberland & Pennsylvania R.R., and later as President of the Georges Creek & Cumberland R.R.

Married Virginia Keim, Feb. 4, 1869 in Reading, Pa.

Children	Born	Died
Fanny R. Millholland	Jan. 21, 1870	Nov. 22, 1917
m. W. Milnor Roberts of Cumberland, Md.		
James Allaire Millholland, Jr.	Nov. 10, 1871	Dec. 23, 1875
Anna Keim Millholland	Aug. 8, 1873	unknown
m. VanLear P. Shriver of Cumberland, Md.		
Lewis Curtis Millholland	Mar. 23, 1875	June 4, 1945
m. Minnie West of Keyser, W.Va.		
John Keim Millholland	Dec. 30, 1876	Mar. 6, 1949
m. Estelle DeVries of Cumberland, Md.		
Alan C. Millholland	July 14, 1878	
m. Hermione Quackenbush of New York		
Randolph K. Millholland	Feb. 6, 1880	Nov. 6, 1951
m. Jean Roberts of Cumberland, Md.		
Virginia Randolph Millholland	Oct. 11, 1881	Sept. 25, 1882
Nona Millholland	June 21, 1883	July 24, 1945
m. Dr. Thomas B. McDonald of Cumberland, Md.		
William McIlvaine Millholland	May 23, 1885	Sept. 30, 1952
m. Estelle B. Llewellyn Nov. 28, 1906 at Cumberland, Md.		
Beverly R. Millholland	Sept. 21, 1886	1950
Martha W. Millholland	Jan. 7, 1889	

(Continued)

His second marriage was to Woodward H. Blunt in New York, Feb. 1898. She was born Sept. 23, 1866 and died July 21, 1950 in Washington, D. C.

Children	Born	Died
William Blunt Millholland	Nov. 15, 1898	
m. Hope Harris, Sept.6,1922		
James Allaire Millholland	Sept. 8, 1900	Oct. 26, 1929
Cary Blunt Millholland	Dec. 11, 1902	
m. Newton B. Parker, Feb. 6, 1954 in Washington, D.C.		
Paul Douglas Millholland	Dec. 17, 1904	
m. Alice N. Fryberger, Nov. 21, 1931		

HARRIET ANN MILLHOLLAND

b. June 8, 1840 d. May 11, 1916

Married Henry Augustus Hunter (b.1838) 1861, Reading, Pa.

Children	Born	Died
Fanny Curtis Hunter	Feb. 23, 1861	Jan. 19, 1938
m. Albert Ferguson of Reading, Pa.		
Sarah Fisher Hunter	Nov. 9, 1862	1936
m. Henry Howarth of New York		
Lucy Hunter	Sept. 22, 1865	1933
m. John Cremer		
Charles Henry Hunter) Twins	Aug. 12, 1867	1867
James Millholland Hunter) Twins	" " "	March 1946
m. Millie		
Henry Augustus Hunter, Jr.	Feb. 14, 1870	Dec. 3, 1946
m. Marjorie Collins		
Harriet Millholland Hunter	July 3, 1872	Aug. 1933
m. Charles Froment		
m. W. Milnor Roberts of Cumberland, Md.		
Susan Benson Hunter	Apr. 1875	Dec. 25, 1877
Mary Hunter	Oct. 28, 1877	
m. Albert Foster		

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FANNY CURTIS MILLHOLLAND

b. June 6, 1845 d. April 8, 1910

Married George Rees Repplier in Reading, Pa., Dec. 31, 1868
b. May 24, 1844 d. July 10, 1913

Children	Born	Died
Marie Louise Repplier	Oct. 20, 1869	May 10, 1950
m. Thompson S. Westcott of Philadelphia Oct. 11, 1893		
Frances Curtis Repplier	Apr. 11, 1872	
m. Adrien Francoise Wellens of Philadelphia Apr. 6, 1899		
James Millholland Repplier	Mar. 18, 1875	Aug. 1940
m. Helen Weaver of Philadelphia June 3, 1902		
Elizabeth Rees Repplier	Apr. 14, 1877	Oct. 31, 1935
m. William Henry Dohan of Delaware County May 23, 1903		
Agnes Repplier	July 22, 1879	Mar. 8, 1948
m. Leander W. Riddle of Glen Riddle June 9,		
Katherine Marshall Repplier	Aug. 17, 1882	Sept. 14, 1950
m. Charles Marshall, Jr. of Philadelphia June 7, 1906		
2nd m. Harry G. Shoenthaler of Philadelphia Nov. 5, 1949		
Harriet Ann Repplier	Sept. 12, 1884	
m. John Rutherford Boyd of Philadelphia Dec. 16, 1909		

HENRY MILLHOLLAND

Born, June 11, 1857 Died, November 14, 1923

Married, Ella Lybrant Stichter, November 30, 1881, Reading, Pa.

Born, Feb. 1, 1857 Died, March 9, 1931

Children	Born
Elizabeth Lybrant Millholland	December 29, 1882

Henry Millholland was a Mechanical Engineer and inventor of great ability. He was associated in his early years with the Pennsylvania R.R. in Altoona, Pa., and with the Baldwin Locomotive Works in Philadelphia. Later in Reading, Pa., he went into business for himself manufacturing the first cold-drawn, seamless steel bicycle tubing in the United States, with machinery which he imported from England.

About 1900, he was instrumental in bringing Charles E. Duryea, the "father of the automobile" to Reading, where as a partner of Duryea they formed the Duryea Power Company and manufactured the first successful gasoline automobiles in this Country.

In later years, he represented in Philadelphia, the Darling Manufacturing Co., of Williamsport, Pa., makers of special valves and fire hydrants, many of which he designed and patented.

He is buried, together with his wife, in Charles Evans Cemetery, Reading, Pa.

PAUL DOUGLAS MILLHOLLAND

Born, February 7, 1864 in Reading, Pa. Died, September 16,1946 Married, Virginia White Harrison in Piedmont, W.Va., April 8, 1891, who was Born June 14, 1863 in Cumberland, Md., and Died May 31, 1941 in Philadelphia.

There were three children, all born in Reading, Pa.

James Harrison Millholland	b. February 1, 1893
George Harrison Millholland	b. January 22, 1895
Mary Ann Millholland	b. April 3,1897 d. Jan.19,1904

Paul Douglas Millholland graduated as a Civil Engineer in 1886 from Lehigh University. He assisted in surveying and constructing the West Virginia Central and Pittsburgh Railway, now the Western Maryland Railroad, after which he was connected with the Georges Creek and Cumberland Railroad at Cumberland, Md. In 1889 he left Cumberland to help construct and later manage the Neversink Mountain R.R. at Reading, Pa., the third electric railroad in the United States, and the first electric railroad in this country operated by water power.

After four years, during which time in 1894, he was elected to the City Council, he went into the electrical supply and construction business for himself in Reading, and about 1898 entered the Iron and Steel business with J. H. Sternbergh & Son, as sales representative. Later on, this firm was absorbed by the American Iron & Steel Manufacturing Co., which was later merged with the Bethlehem Steel Co., where he was connected in the sales department in Philadelphia up to the time of his retirement in 1928.

He died in Philadelphia, September 16, 1946 and is buried in Charles Evans Cemetery, Reading, with his wife Virginia who died in Philadelphia May 31, 1941.

Virginia White Harrison was a daughter of George Woodrow Harrison, who was born in Wheeling, W.Va., May 6, 1837 (d. June 6, 1911) and Helen Dannenbury Whitteker, born in Charleston, W. Va., February 27, 1839 (d. Sept. 25, 1925) both of whom are buried in Westernport, Md., which is across the Potomac River from Piedmont, W. Va., where they resided.

Children

James Harrison Millholland b. Feb. 1, 1893

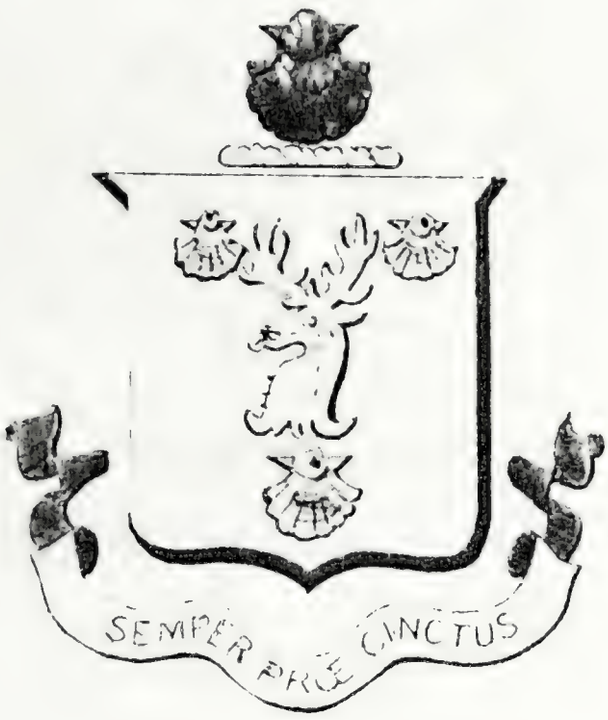
m. Elsie Pinkham Haines, of Philadelphia, Pa., Nov. 23, 1949

George Harrison Millholland b. Jan. 22, 1895

m. Florence Freeman Doyle, of Chicago, Ill., June 1919

2nd m. Alice Wardman Rheem, of Washington, D.C., Dec. 12,1938

Mary Ann Millholland b. April 3, 1897 d. Jan.19,1904



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THE COAT OF ARMS

MULHOLLAND

(MILLHOLLAND)

The Coat of Arms signifies that our Scotch-Irish ancestors were fighting men, as their Motto "SEMPER PRAECINCTUS" means "Ever Ready."

History tells us that there were about seven Crusades in the wars waged by the Christians for the recovery of the Holy Land, from about 1096 to the year 1270, and Christian peoples from all over Europe joined in these expeditions.

The three golden Escallops indicate that they took part in three Crusades; the Gold signifies that they participated at their own expense. The ancient Irish Stag shown on the Blue Field is the emblem of their being great hunters. The Crest or large Red Escallop, portrays that they were "blood fighters" extraordinary.

Old records show that the name MILLHOLLAND has been spelled in various ways. Mulholland, Mulhollan, Mullholland, and a great many other derivations. In Celtic the name Mulholland is spelled O'MAILCHALLAIN. (Reference: "Surname Book and Racial History.")

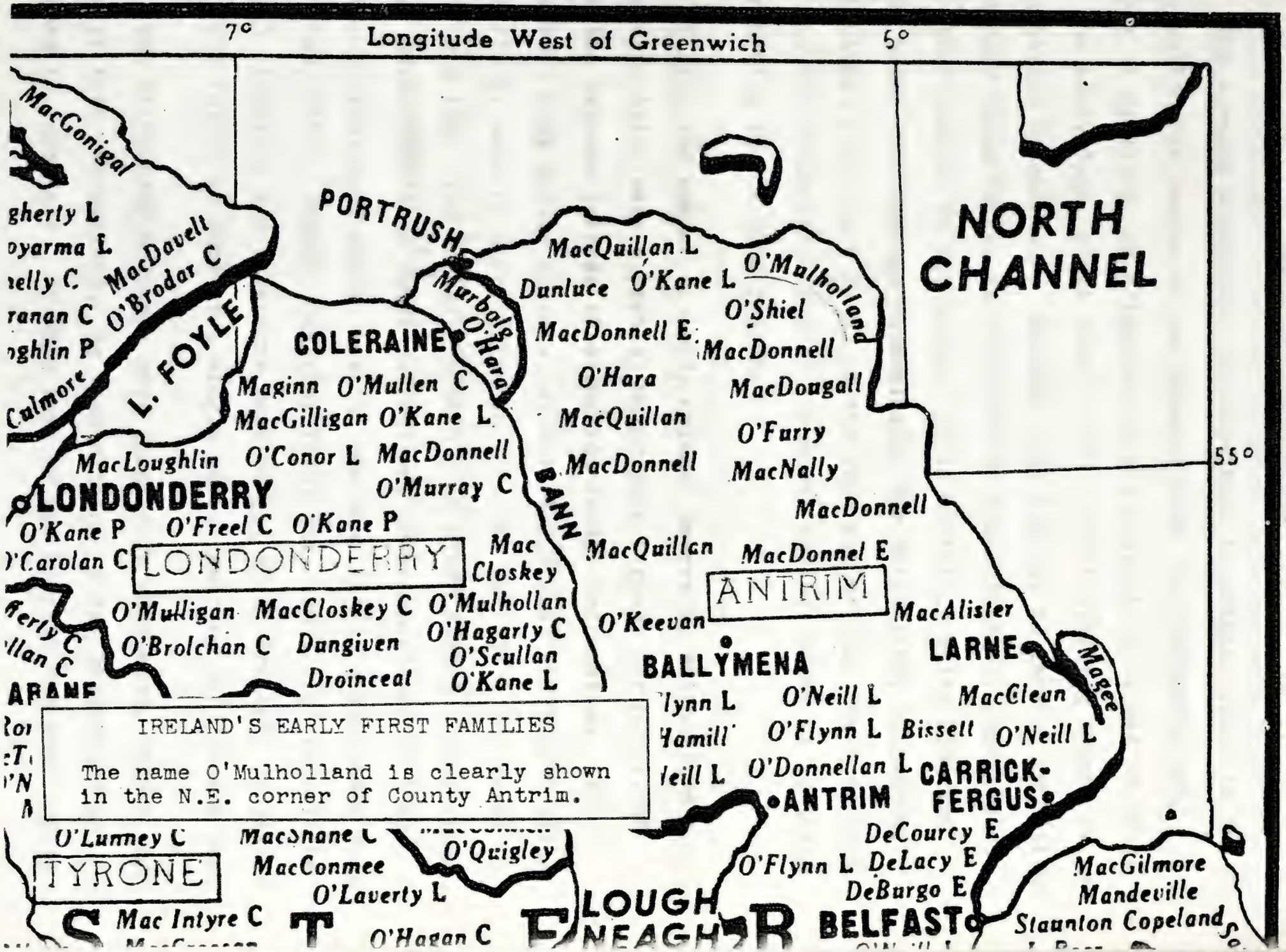
No matter how the name is spelled, this great Clan had its inception in Argyll, Scotland and later in County Antrim, North Ireland where it flourished and prospered. It was from this background that the original James Millholland, roving sea captain of his own ship, came to America in 1785 and settled in Philadelphia.

Burke's Peerage

Arms - Az. a stag's head erased arg. between three escallops or.

Crest - An escallop gu.

Motto - SEMPER PRAECINCTUS



IRELAND'S EARLY FIRST FAMILIES

The name O'Mulholland is clearly shown in the N.E. corner of County Antrim.

NORTH
CHANNEL

THE NAME MILLHOLLAND

The surname MULHOLLAND, Scotch-Irish in origin, which is the unquestionable source of our present name, has undergone many forms of spelling, as evidenced by the inspection of old records. In the early days, circa 1600 - 1700 correct spelling seemed to be relatively unimportant. Whether this was due to lack of education, and poor handwriting, difficulties of communication, carelessness or other reasons is not known. It is certainly quite apparent that names were spelled euphonically for MULLHOLLEN, MULHALLON, MULHOLLON, etc., were noted as the rule rather than the exception in all old documents, in many instances several forms of spelling pertaining to the same person.

During the summer of 1953, Colonel George H. Millholland and his wife Alice made a special motor trip through North Ireland for the express purpose of obtaining family information. They examined many public records, directories, legal and church lists and files, some of which dated back to the year 1614 but never once did they find any MILLHOLLAND'S or MILHOLLAND'S. They found many MULHOLLAND'S or other derivatives or contractions of that name, as indicated above, bearing our same family given names such as JOHN, JAMES, ROBERT, CHARLES, LYDIA, etc. An inspection of the Civil Directory and Telephone Book of all North Ireland, published in 1952 failed to contain a single person bearing our present name.

Two MILHOLLAND brothers were located in Wimbledon, London and one of them interviewed. He knew nothing of his background and seemed to care less. He knew that he was born in the West Indies,

son of a British Civil Servant but he did not even know the name of his grandfather. He was very friendly, appeared to be well educated and well to do, had a charming wife and two lovely daughters and seemed very surprised that there were any other MILHOLLAND'S in the world.

Several old historical books referred to the MULHOLLANDS as coming from Argyll, Scotland about the year 1600. There were two brothers, Andrew and St. Clair (Sinclair) who were the sons of Thomas the original. The name MULHOLLAND is supposed to have been derived from the Scottish MACLALLAN or as some authorities give it, the Celtic O'MAILCHALLAIN. There are known to have been some O'MULHOLLAN'S prior to 1100 AD but inasmuch as the known facts indicate that our family is descended from the original Scotch Thomas of Argyll, it is believed that this group can be ignored insofar as we present day MILLHOLLAND'S are concerned.

A logical explanation of the spelling of the name MILLHOLLAND is that all persons in North Ireland, with their characteristic brogue, pronounced the name MULHOLLAND as MELHOLLAND or even MILLHOLLAND, with the accent on the second syllable; never as MULHOLLAND (accenting first syllable) the way it is spelled. (Our present pronunciation MILLHOLLAND (accent on first syllable) is comparatively recent and was adopted by many members of the family of our generation for the purpose of telephone clarity.) In addition, it can be plainly noted that if the name MULHOLLAND is written in longhand with a badly formed letter "U" and dotted similar to an "I", as the letter "U" was written in early days, it could readily be interpreted as MILLHOLLAND. (Try it yourself.)

The original JAMES, from whom we are descended in the modern sense, and very possibly all MILHOLLAND'S in this country, always spelled his name as MILLHOLLAND, at least from the time of his arrival in the United States about 1785, but the evidence seems to be indisputable that he left Belfast a MULHOLLAND and arrived in America a MILLHOLLAND.

An examination of the Baltimore City Directories finds ROBERT DOUGLASS (only son of JAMES) listed, starting in 1814 as MILLHOLLAND. Down through the years until his death in 1859, he was sometimes listed as MILLHOLLAND and at times as MILHOLLAND, and very frequently under both MILL and MIL as were his sons and grandsons. In other words, the same person with the same occupation and the identical address was listed in the same book with different forms of spelling. It almost seemed that the spelling of the name (MILL or MIL) was at the option of the person concerned or that euphony in spelling carried down to the latter part of the Nineteenth Century. (At least in Baltimore.)

From the above, it can be seen that the MILLHOLLAND'S and the MILHOLLAND'S are of the same origin and that the correct spelling or our family name is MILLHOLLAND if we are to consider that in in the United States, Robert Douglass MILLHOLLAND knew how he desired his name spelled.

Most MILLHOLLAND'S of our generation have grown up with the belief that the MILLHOLLAND'S were Protestant Irish from North Ireland and the MULHOLLAND'S Catholic Irish from South Ireland. This is completely erroneous as indicated by church records of Belfast, where MULHOLLAND'S are shown to be of both faiths.

In passing, it is of interest to note that there are groups of MILLHOLLAND'S in the State of Washington, believed to have descended from THOMAS TENANT MILLHOLLAND, youngest son of ROBERT DOUGLASS MILLHOLLAND who migrated to the Northwest prior to 1890; in Indiana, descendants of ROBERT DOUGLASS MILLHOLLAND, the third son of ROBERT DOUGLASS, and in Georgia, present origin unknown besides those from Maryland and Pennsylvania. There are MILHOLLAND'S in New York State, Maryland, Pennsylvania and many others, most of whom are believed to have descended from the original JAMES, through ROBERT DOUGLASS and whose name has undergone a change in spelling through reasons mentioned heretofore.

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